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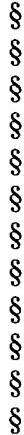
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(For new non-provisional applications under 37 CFR § 1.53(b))

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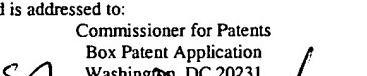


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1. Filing Fee
 2. Specification
 26 page(s) of specification; 5 page(s) of claims, 1 page(s) of abstract
 3. Drawings
 Informal Figure(s) 1-14 on 11 sheet(s)
 4. Oath or Declaration
 - Newly executed
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 5. The entire disclosure of the prior application referred to above is considered to be part of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference herein.
 6. Microfiche Computer Program (Appendix)
 7. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission (if applicable, all necessary)
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 8. Assignment Papers
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 - Is attached.
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11. Amendments
 A preliminary amendment is enclosed.
 Cancel in this application claim(s) _____ before calculating the filing fee. At least one independent claim is retained for filing purposes.
 Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:_____
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13. Small Entity Status
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 Is no longer claimed.
14. Priority of foreign application number _____, filed on _____ in _____ is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119(a)-(d)
15. Petition under 37 C.F.R. § 136 for Extension of Time
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